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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (BRZEZINSKI, ZBIGNIEW)
SUBJ: BRZEZINSKI TRIP PREPARATIONS

REF: STATE 121025

1. I AM VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO VISIT BY DR. BRZEZINSKI
AND ACCOMPANYING PARTY AND FULLY AGREE WE SHOULD CONCENTRATE
ON WORK, AVOID THE PRESS, AND HOLD ENTERTAINMENT TO A MINIMUM.
WITH THAT IN MIND, I WOULD PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE FOR
THE VISIT:

MAY 24

1300 ARRIVE KIMPO
1330-1530 WORKING SESSION WITH COUNTRY TEAM. I WOULD EXPECT
GENERAL VESSEY TO BE PRESENT AT THIS MEETING (PARA 4,
REFTEL) AND, IN FACT, WE MAY USE HIS FACILITIES FOR
IT DUE TO SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS.
1600 CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER
1630 CALL ON PRIME MINISTER
1700 RETURN TO RESIDENCE
1830-2000 A SMALL RECEPTION OF APPROXIMATELY 50 PEOPLE

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WHICH WOULD INCLUDE GOVERNMENT LEADERS,
OPPOSITION FIGURES, AND INTELLECTUALS
2000 FAMILY DINNER AT THE RESIDENCE. THIS MAY HAVE
TO BE CHANGED DEPENDING UPON THE WISHES OF OUR
HOSTS ALTHOUGH I WILL URGE UPON THEM THE WORKING
NATURE OF THE TRIP AND THE CONSAQUENT ABSENCE
OF AIREQUIREMENT FOR A CEREMONIAL FUNCTION.

MAY 25

0645 DEPART RESIDENCE

0700 HELICOPTER TO PANMUNJOM (BELIEVE THIS IS
EXCELLENT IDEA FROM ROK POINT OF VIEW AND FOR
U.S. TROOPS.)

0930 RETURN FROM PANMUNJOM

1000 CALL ON PRESIDENT. DUE TO SPACE LIMITATIONS
IN THE ROOM USED BY THE PRESIDENT FOR RECEIVING
OFFICIAL VISITORS, ONLY THREE MEMBERS AT MOST
OF THE PARTY WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND.

1200 DEPART KIMPO

2. THE ABOVE SCHEDULE IS, OF COURSE, CONTINGENT UPON
OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE ROKS AND WE CANNOT PRECLUDE
THE POSSIBILITY OF THEIR WISHING TO HOLD A DINNER ON
THE 24TH OR THE PRESIDENT PERHAPS HOSTING A LUNCH ON THE
25TH. ASSUME IF THE PRESIDENT SUGGESTS LUNCHEON, DEPARTURE
TIME COULD BE ADJUSTED SLIGHTLY TO ACCOMMODATE.

3. THE AGENDA ITEMS COVERED PARA 3 REFTEL WOULD APPEAR
THE MOST APPROPRIATE FROM OUR VIEWPOINT HERE AND ARE
PROBABLY ALL THAT COULD BE ACCOMMODATED IN THE TIME THAT
WILL BE AVAILABLE. IN FACT, IT WILL PROBABLY BE NECESSARY
TO TOUCH ONLY LIGHTLY ON SOME OF THESE ISSUES WHEN MEETING
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WITH THE PRESIDENT AND GO OVER THEM IN MORE DETAIL WITH
EITHER THE FOREIGN MINISTER OR THE PRIME MINISTER.
CERTAINLY THE TROOP WITHDRAWAL AND MILITARY QUESTIONS
WILL HAVE TO BE REVIEWED WITH THE PRESIDENT. I ASSUME
THERE ARE NO DIFFICULTIES IN OUR PROVIDING A ROUGHT
OUTLINE OF THE AGENDA TO THE ROK BOTH TO ALLOW THEM TIME
FOR ADEQUATE PREPARATION AND TO ALLOW US TO ELICIT
ADDITIONAL ITEMS THEY MAY WISH TO ADDRESS.

4. FULLY CONCUR IN THE SUGGESTION THAT DR. BRZEZINSKI
BRING WITH HIM A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT
PARK. THEMES WHICH WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR INCLUSION
INCLUDE U.S. POSTURE IN THE PACIFIC AND IN PARTICULAR
NORTHEAST ASIA, THE NEED TO JOINTLY SEEK WAYS TO REDUCE
TENSIONS ON THE PENINSULA, THE PRESIDENT'S VIEWS ON
US-ROK COOPERATION INCLUDING COMPENSATORY MEASURES,
R&D COOPERATION, AND JOINT EFFORTS IN THE FIELD OF
ENERGY. THE OVERALL TONE, I BELIEVE, SHOULD BE ONE
WHICH INDICATES THAT ONLY THROUGH CONSULTATION AND THE
DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT POSITIONS BASED ON MUTUAL TRUST
CAN WE HOPE TO PROCEED TOWARD OUR SHARED GOALS.

5. THE ABOVE IS ONLY A PRELIMINARY OUTLINE, HOWEVER,
I INTEND TO BEGIN EXPLORING IT WITH ROKG OFFICIALS AND
WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO
AVOID ANY INCREASE IN EXPECTATIONS WHICH MIGHT NOT
BE POSSIBLE TO FULFILL.

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